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MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

APPROVED: January 3, 2013

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Scott Angelucci, Chairman, Public Member Sharon McDowell, Vice Chair, Public Member Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member James Greene, DE Volunteer Fireman's Association Member

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tim Winstead, State Lottery Office Member

## **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Robert Willard, Deputy Attorney General Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II Michele Howard, Administrative Specialist II Sheryl Paquette, Administrative Specialist III

#### **PUBLIC PRESENT**

Jack Vogel, Harrington Fire Company Shirley Pennington, Bowers Fire Company Tammy Shields, Bowers Fire Company

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Greene called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of November 1, 2012. Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greene, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**FINAL DENIALS - NONE** 

## **RE-REVIEW OF CONTIGENT APPROVALS AND PTD APPLICATIONS**

Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234 (Instant Bingo)

Mr. Greene reviewed and summarized the Instant Bingo application of the Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234 for the Board. Ms. McAtee stated that the application had been tabled on July 5, 2012 and that the Board was

waiting on an IRS letter. The IRS letter had been received and the application was now complete. Mr. Greene made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to approve the Instant Bingo application of the Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Continued Discussion Regarding Proposed Gaming Seminar**

Ms. McAtee explained that at the last meeting Mr. Collins suggested the Board schedule dates for the seminar. The Board had decided to schedule dates in March of 2013 so the seminar would take place after the holidays and months notorious for inclement weather. Mr. Greene stated that Board members were only permitted fourteen paid Board meetings per year.

Mr. Angelucci entered the meeting at 1:10pm.

Mr. Willard stated that the Board could meet for fifteen meetings per year. Mr. Angelucci stated that Mr. Collins had suggested posting two dates with two different times. The public would be asked to sign up for the scheduled seminar dates; if there was a lack of interest they could cancel one of the meetings depending on the response. The Board discussed dates available in March 2013 to hold the seminars. The Board decided to have Ms. McAtee check conference room availability before the next Board meeting for seminars to take place on March 14, 2013 and March 28, 2013. Ms. McAtee stated that she would return to the January 3, 2013 Board meeting with available conference room options for March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Greene made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to move forward with the process of scheduling the gaming seminar. The motion carried unanimously.

## **RULES & REGULATIONS PUBLIC HEARING - 1:19 P.M.**

BOARD PRESENT: Scott Angelucci, Sharon McDowell, Janet Williams-Coger, James Greene

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jack Vogel, Shirley Pennington, Tammy Shields

PURPOSE: The Board proposed amendments to Rule 4.6 in 10 Del. Admin. Code Section 101. The proposed amendment added language explaining that when the rule states that promotional giveaways are permitted to be offered on state-recognized holidays, the actual gaming events do not have to be played on the holiday itself, but may be played within the seven days before the holiday, or on the holiday itself.

PRESIDING: Scott Angelucci, Chairman

DIVISION STAFF: Amanda McAtee, Michele Howard, Sheryl Paquette

BOARD COUNSEL: Robert Willard, Deputy Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Kim Hurley, Wilcox and Fetzer

The hearing began at 1:19 p.m. Mr. Willard stated that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment regarding the Board's proposed amendments to its Rules and Regulations governing Bingo, and summarized the amendment for the public. Mr. Willard advised that the proposed change and notification of the public hearing were published in the Register of Regulations and two newspapers. Mr. Willard confirmed that no public comment had been received by the Board office. Mr. Willard asked the public if they had any comment on the proposed changes. There being no comment, Mr. Greene made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to adopt the amendment as proposed. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. Willard thanked the court reporter and advised the Board that the public would have 15 days after this hearing date to make additional comments before the rule could be made final.

The hearing adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

## Continued Discussion Regarding YouTube FAQ Videos

Mr. Angelucci stated that at the last Board meeting Mr. Collins suggested the Board could use YouTube media to help educate the public on the processes of Gaming. It was suggested the Division Inspectors create YouTube videos in which they would discuss the types of violations they have seen and ways to become compliant; as well as discuss the most frequently asked questions. With no further discussion, Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to move forward with creating YouTube FAQ videos. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to amend the agenda to add the Lewis Senior Center under item 5.5.2 Review of Applications for Charitable Gaming Events, the Laurel Lionesses under item 5.16.4 Inspection Reports, and the Continued Discussion of Basket Bingos after item 6.0 Correspondence. The motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Executive Session** - None

## **Board Member Reports** - None

## **Delegation of Authority**

Bowers Fire Company (Bingo Prize List - Mr. Angelucci)

Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to ratify the approval of the letter received from Bowers Fire Company, which amended the application of events previously permitted by the Board by revising its list of Bingo prizes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Review of Applications for Texas Hold'Em Tournaments – None

#### **Review of Applications for Charitable Gaming Events**

Frankford Public Library (New Vendor)

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the Charitable Gaming application of the Frankford Public Library for the Board. Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to approve the application of the Frankford Public Library. The motion carried unanimously.

## Lewis Senior Center (First Time Applicant) – added

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the Charitable Gaming application of the Lewis Senior Center for the Board. Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to approve the application of the Lewis Senior Center. The motion carried unanimously.

## Review of Applications for Instant Bingo Events – None

## **Review of Applications for Bingo Events**

Volunteer Hose Company Middletown (First Time Applicant)

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the Bingo application of the Volunteer Hose Company Middletown for the Board. After discussion, Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Williams-Coger, to approve the application of the Volunteer Hose Company Middletown. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Review of Applications for Raffles**

Ministry of Caring

Holy Cross Church

SODAT-Delaware, Inc.

Mr. Angelucci reviewed and summarized the Raffle applications of the Ministry of Caring, Holy Cross Church, and SODAT-Delaware, Inc. After discussion, Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to approve the Raffle applications. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Review of Requests to Amend Previously Approved Event**

Newark Elks Lodge #2281 (Updated MIC Letter)

Mr. Angelucci reviewed a letter and updated a member-in-charge letter received from the Newark Elks Lodge #2281. Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to approve the updated member-in-charge letter for the Newark Elks Lodge #2281. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Inclement Weather/State of Emergency Requests**

Christiana Fire Company – Ratify Date Change Due to Hurricane Sandy

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to ratify the approval of the event date change request received from the Christiana Fire Company, which amended the application of an event previously permitted by the Board by changing its event date due to Hurricane Sandy. The motion carried unanimously.

## Approval of Licensure List - None

#### Ratification of Charitable Gaming Event Permits Issued - attached

Ms. McDowell read aloud the Charitable Gaming ratification list. Ms. Williams-Coger made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to ratify the Charitable Gaming licensure of the Delaware Manufactured Homeowners Association, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 9, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 2, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 10, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware, Knight of Columbus - Christopher Council, Rehoboth Beach Lions Club Service Foundation, Inc., and Midway Lions Club. The motion carried unanimously.

## Ratification of Bingo Event Permits Issued - attached

Ms. Williams-Coger read aloud the Bingo ratification list. Ms. McDowell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to ratify the Bingo licensure of the Seaford Elks Lodge No. 2458, Debra L. Sipple Memorial, Inc., Bowers Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Indian River Senior Center, Mill Creek Ladies Auxiliary, Frederica Volunteer Fire Company, Pot Nets Homeowners Association, Oak Orchard Riverdale American Legion Post #28, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Camden Wyoming Fire Company, Mamie Warren Senior Center, Lewes Senior Citizens Center, and Bowers Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Hearings/Consent Agreements**

Complaint 22-02-11 (MERR Institute) Status of Compliance with Consent Agreement

Mr. Willard summarized the events so far relating to the refunds issued by the MERR Institute and reported that the Complainant had recently written him asking to speak with an Investigator. Mr. Willard stated that he responded to the Complainant that he would forward the request but did not expect an Investigator to contact a public citizen. Mr. Willard stated that as of December 6, 2012 it was his understanding that \$1,825 had been donated back to the MERR Institute; \$850 had been refunded to ticket holders, and \$1,025 remained outstanding. Addresses for five more ticket holders were discovered and another \$100 approximately should be refunded to those ticket holders. Mr. Willard stated that at this point the remaining money that has not been refunded to ticket holders should be donated to a Delaware charity. It should be noted that the Respondent's behavior throughout this process has been evasive and uncooperative.

Mr. Willard then reviewed and summarized the amended consent agreement for the Board. The consent agreement stated that the money had to either go back to the ticket holders or be donated to another charity. Ms. Howard stated that the Respondent submitted a spreadsheet to the Division that listed all raffle tickets that were sold. After the initial review of the spreadsheet many discrepancies were discovered and it was unclear what the outstanding amount of money owed to ticket holders were. The Division then worked with Investigators to analyze the spreadsheet in order to calculate a final amount of outstanding funds.

Ms. Howard stated that it was decided that when the final amount of outstanding funds was calculated the Respondent would then have 90 days from the date of notice to resolve the issue by writing a check to a Delaware charity. Ms. Howard stated that since there were so many discrepancies in the report the Respondent was never given notice, so the 90 days had never begun. She said after the information was

turned over to the Investigative unit, the 90 days would start once the Investigators determined the amount to be donated to charity. Ms. Howard said the Investigative report was handed out to the Board at the beginning of the meeting with their findings and the Respondent can now be given notice.

Ms. Betley entered the meeting at this point and stated that she had already responded to the Complainant that had contacted Mr. Willard. She stated that after a final review of the Respondent's spreadsheet it had been calculated that there was about \$1,025 in outstanding money owed. Ms. Betley said there are a couple of smaller discrepancies that the Investigators are still working on.

Mr. Angelucci said the Respondent now has ninety days to return the \$1,025 that is outstanding to ticket holders or to donate the money to another Delaware charitable organization. Ms. Williams-Coger suggested the Board approve the charitable organization prior to the donation being sent out. Ms. Betley said she will find out what charity they want to use and report back to the Board. The Board agreed that was the best solution.

Mr. Greene said the Board wants to see all canceled checks from the Respondent regarding all donated funds. Mr. Greene made a motion, seconded by Ms. McDowell, to send a follow up letter to the MERR Institute to resolve the issue. The motion carried unanimously.

## Complaint Assignments and Updates - None

## **Inspection Reports**

Urban Youth Golf Program Association (Raffle)
St. John the Baptist/Holy Angels (Bingo)
Harrington Senior Center (Bingo)

Laurel Lionesses (Bingo)

Mr. Angelucci stated that the Urban Youth Golf Program Association, St. John the Baptist/Holy Angels, Harrington Senior Center, and the Laurel Lionesses were recently inspected. There was no discussion.

#### Responses to Inspection Letters of Concern/Warning

Mr. Angelucci stated that Delaware Technical Community College, Delaware Warriors Travel Baseball Club, Little Sisters of the Poor, Howard J. Weston Community and Senior Center, Inc., Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Inc., Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and Bowers Fire Company submitted inspection response letters.

#### Final Denial Template Letter

Mr. Willard stated that Deputy Attorney General Allison Rearden had sent all Boards a final denial template letter. From this point on every Board should now send out a unified letter using standardized language for final denials. Mr. Willard read the letter to the Board. Mr. Greene made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, for the Board to adopt using the final denial letter in future communications. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Debra Balliet - Letter Regarding Multiple Bingo Winners

Mr. Angelucci read a letter from Debra Balliet (see attachment). Mr. Angelucci stated that the Board's role is to interpret the Statute and Rules and Regulations to ensure that fair play is being adhered to. He stated that the Board tries very hard to accommodate the non-profit organizations to ensure their events can be held without issues or problems. When issues arise the Board needs to review them and make decisions on how to move forward.

## **Continued Discussion on Basket Bingos**

Mr. Angelucci said the Board discussed this issue last month; however, Mr. Greene was not in attendance at that meeting and asked to discuss it again at this meeting. Mr. Greene said in the past when organizations gave their prize list they determined value of the prizes based on the 'cost' of those prizes. He said the

determination was not based on what the 'value' of the item, as it is now, but was actually what they 'paid' for the item. He said the Board must follow the Rules and Regulations and asked Mr. Willard if the Board could make a Regulation change. Mr. Willard responded, "Yes." Mr. Greene said his proposal to the Board is to change the word 'value' to 'cost' in Rule 3.10. Mr. Willard reminded Mr. Greene that the Board was strong in their desire to keep the word 'value' at last month's meeting; however, Mr. Greene said he was not in attendance at that meeting and wanted to discuss it again at this meeting. Mr. Greene said it is hard to determine what 'value' something holds. He gave Longaberger Baskets as an example. He said someone may buy one for \$20 to use as a giveaway prize but who can determine what the 'value' of that item is. He said if the value of the item is determined to be more than what is paid for it the discrepancy cost comes out of the profit of the organization. Secondly, Mr. Greene said Rule 4.6 talks about the 'aggregate value of the prizes'. He said his proposal to the Board would be change the prize value to \$400 (for instance), and change the aggregate amount from \$1,250 to \$2,000. He said this would give the organizations more room to make a profit.

Mr. Angelucci talked about the process the Board went through at last months meeting. He said they looked at different prize lists for comparison, as well as discussing value and how fair market value is determined. Mr. Angelucci reiterated Mr. Greene's suggestion to eliminate the word 'value' and substitute 'cost' in the Regulations language. Ms. Betley brought up the fact that some of the non-profit organizations have said that they know people that can get Longaberger Baskets and Coach Bags donated or for a reduced rate. She said this enables them to draw people from all over the state to go to their events. She said other non-profit groups don't have the means or know the people necessary to get these same deals for their events. She said this causes them to have a reduced number of attendees at their Bingo events. Mr. Angelucci said the Board discussed the need for there to be a fair playing field. He said the Board doesn't want to disenfranchise any of the organizations.

Mr. Angelucci said the Board also discussed raising the total prize limits. Ms. Betley said a lot of the non-profit organizations have asked to raise the amount from \$1250. Mr. Angelucci asked Mr. Willard if the Board has had the ability to raise that limit from time to time. Mr. Willard responded that the Board could request a change in their statute since the Board could not make the change through their current Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger, to request an amendment in the statute to allow the Board of Charitable Gaming to have the ability to set Bingo prize limits in their Rules and Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Tammy Shields, Bowers Fire Company, asked to address the Board regarding the prize issue, Mr. Angelucci granted her request. She stated that her organization obtained prizes from vendors at a decent cost but they do not receive donated items. She agreed with Mr. Greene that being required to list the actual 'value' of an item, as opposed to its 'cost', significantly cut into the profits they could make at their event; or limits their organization in the amount available to spend on items in the first place, which as a result decreases the amount of prizes they could offer. Mr. Angelucci stated that this is the reason the Board wants to increase the total prize amount from \$1,250 to \$2,000.

Ms. Shirley Pennington, Bowers Fire Company, stated that she was in charge of a lot of Bingo's and has been running into a lot of the same problems. She said their organization held a 'Coach' Purse Bingo which drew a great crowd of people. She said she went to the Coach Purse outlet store and purchased a \$400 Coach purse for only \$90. She said to list its value as \$400 limited her to the number of Bingo games that she could hold. She said even if the limit is increased to \$2,000, it would still be a problem given this example. She said they are losing attendees based on the current Rules and Regulations. Mr. Greene asked Ms. Pennington if everyone had the same opportunity to purchase the items at the prices that she had purchased them. Ms. Pennington said anyone could go to the outlet stores or purchase online at much discounted rates if they choose to, just like she currently has done for her organization. Mr. Angelucci asked her if anyone in the past had ever donated anything to their organization to be used as Bingo prizes. Ms. Pennington said it has happened before, with someone donating a Longaberger Basket for an 'Early Bird' item, but said the prize has never been

of any significant value. She said the vendor that donated the basket included her business cards with the item as a way to advertise for herself, so it benefited her too.

Ms. Pennington commented on the earlier discussion regarding the basket Bingo games with multiple winners. She said their organization recently had a problem with that. She said it is stated in the Rules and Regulations that if they had a prize (in this case a purse), that was valued at \$100 and 5 people won it, she had to somehow divide up that prize, which obviously could not be done. She said if she split the \$100 value to give them \$20 each, that they did not want that as a prize. Ms. Pennington said those players came to win the 'purse' and that is what they felt they should win. She said the players were fine with multiple winners, one of which could win the purse by choosing the highest Bingo ball, and then a 'loser gift' would be offered to the other four players (i.e., 'the non-winners of the purse'). She said when she explained she was not allowed to do that anymore the players were furious. Mr. Angelucci said it could be possible for the Board to amend Rule 4.11 to state that when an organization is holding their event they could include in their House Rules how ties would be settled and if any "loser items" would be awarded.

Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Ms. Williams-Coger to amend Rule 4.11 to state that in a Bingo event when there is a prize other than cash, an organization can state in their House Rules how a winner is declared and how a tie is settled; provided that all prizes are included in the application's prize list and are within the total value of \$1,250 for all games played. The motion carried unanimously.

After much discussion, it was determined the Inspectors would continue with their current procedures until the Rules and Regulations had been changed to adopt the new motion made today.

Ms. Betley asked if she could discuss the 'cost' vs. 'value' issue with the Investigators. Mr. Greene said he did not feel the Investigators had any bearing on Board decisions. Ms. Betley said that the Investigators are out in the field and may be able to offer information from actual investigations that might offer insight to the Board.

The Board continued to discuss different scenarios by which prizes have 'cost' vs. 'value' issues. Mr. Angelucci said the Board discussed the topic last month and that there was a lot of work in determining fair market value of items. Fair market value is arguable and leads to a lot of speculation. If the value is completely tied to how much an organization had paid for an item and they had to produce receipts for all purchases to verify that, then 'value' would be based on their expense. The only other time that would be different was if the prize was completely given charitably. He said when there is no dollar value that could be verified with the item then it would need to have a fair market value listed.

Mr. Greene made a motion to amend Rule 3.10 changing the word 'value' to 'cost' concerning Bingo prize lists. Mr. Angelucci said 'cost' defines the dollar amount the organization had to pay for that item. He said there will also be a requirement to see validation at the event, in the form of receipts for those that purchased prize items. Mr. Greene suggested the Rule change include the wording, "Receipts upon request of the Inspectors." Ms. Williams-Coger said she felt more discussion was needed on this issue and said she would like to receive input on the issue from the Inspectors. Mr. Greene was opposed to delaying the vote due to the time involved in making a Rules and Regulation change.

Mr. Angelucci said Ms. Betley worked with the Inspectors on a daily basis so he asked her opinion regarding the matter. Ms. Betley said the Inspectors do not feel organizations should be able to use what is paid for the merchandise because sometimes the items are donated, sometimes people know people that will donate items, and some of the larger fire companies have wealthier clientele in the area. They attract a larger crowd; sometimes people even come from downstate going all the way to New Castle to their events because there's a chance of winning some really big prizes. She said the smaller organizations do not have the ability to draw groups like that and that takes away from their money making ability. Mr. Angelucci said he is on the fence about the issue because a smaller organization attended the meeting today and agreed that the word 'value' should be changed to 'cost' because leaving it as 'value' decreased their bottom line.

After this discussion, Mr. Angelucci seconded the motion, suggesting certain stipulations be in place. He said that a change in Rule 3.10 had to reflect that there must be a receipt if requested, and if it was a donated item you could not exceed a certain value. The Board continued to discuss the issue of donated items and how to establish their value.

Mr. Greene made a motion, seconded by Mr. Angelucci to amend Rule 3.10; changing the word "value" to "cost" concerning Bingo prize lists. The motion did not carry with Mr. Angelucci and Mr. Greene in favor and Ms. McDowell and Ms. Williams-Coger opposed.

Mr. Angelucci said the Board needed more information on the topic of amending Rule 3.10 so the discussion would continue at their January meeting. He said the Inspectors could submit comments and Ms. Betley stated that she would have the Inspectors put in writing their viewpoints for the Board's review. Ms. Williams-Coger and Ms. McDowell agreed that they needed more time and information in order to make an informed decision and that it is was a lot of information to digest at the current moment.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Jack Vogel, Harrington Fire Company, stated that he was attending the meeting to see how the Board would handle Basket Bingo events. Mr. Angelucci told him the Board would be having a workshop in March of 2013 for the public to clarify the Board's Rules and Regulations, including the new Rules that would be going into effect.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting is January 3, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building Conference Room B, Dover, Delaware.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Angelucci made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Williams-Coger, to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda McAtee

Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.

#### Attachment:

Subject: Bingos as Fund Raisers for Charitable Organizations

#### Hello -

I and many of my friends enjoy playing bingo when different non-profit organizations have them as fund raisers. It is always for a worthy cause and the organizers spend a lot of time, sweat equity and running through hoops to have these bingos take place. They are really under-staffed with volunteers and work very hard to make these bingos a successful fund raising event - and to make sure that all the bingo players have a wonderful time.

It has come to my attention that the bingo commission is being (what I feel is) unreasonable in their demands. It is with limited resources that these non-profit organizations campaign for donations and volunteers. When they are limited to prizes and have ridiculous stipulations - like prizes of same value for double winners of a bingo their efforts become worthless. No one has a crystal ball to assure that only one person has bingo. The players are well aware of this in all cases and agree to the rules of "high number" or "next number" in order to break a tie.

In all reality, these bingo events are put together on a shoe string budget as it is. By the time the facility is rented, the caller is paid, and the bingo fees are paid, there is little room for the organization to make much money for their cause. Truly, the women (mostly - but some men as well) who play bingo? Use this event as an opportunity to get together, enjoy an afternoon or evening of playing bingo with friends, have the chance of winning a prize, and help out a very worthy cause. I have never - ever -been to a bingo where anyone is disgruntled or felt like they have been treated unfairly because they lost at playing bingo when breaking a tie.

I appeal to the board to have a sense of community - to have a sense of fair play - and to do the right thing in giving these non-profit organizations a break when they try to organize a fund raising event such as basket bingo, purse bingo, or whatever type bingo they sponsor.

Thank you for listening, I surely pray that these rules be changed to benefit the community and worthy causes throughout Delaware.

Sincerely, Debra Balliet